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DEPT PASS TO AEC REGULATION FOR LAFLEUR

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SUBJECT: DIESEL GENERATOR FAILURE IN WUERGASSEN
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

REF: (A) STATE 140143, (B) BONN 07776,

(C) STATE 093866

1. RE REF (A): EMBASSY INFORMED SAHL, FRG MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR, THAT DATA REQUESTED BY FRANZEN, INSTITUTE OF
REACTOR SAFETY, HAD BEEN POUCHED.

2. AS NOTED REF (B), FRG HAD PROMISED TO DISCUSS
SUBJECT FAILURE WITH EMBASSY. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED
COPY OF RELEVANT REPORT. IT WAS NOT NECESSARY,
THEREFORE, TO REMIND SAHL ABOUT US INTEREST IN THIS
INCIDENT.

3. REF (C) REFERRED TO A RECENT FAILURE OF THREE OF
THE FOUR DIESEL GENERATORS. FRG MININT CHECKED AND
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THERE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN
A FAILURE OF EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATORS SINCE APRIL
12, 1972. WHEN ALL FOUR GENERATORS WERE INVOLVED IN
STEAM DUMPING INCIDENT ON THAT DATE. MINTECH SUPPLIED,
ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF
REPORT ON THIS APRIL 12 INCIDENT. COPY OF THIS GERMAN
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LANGUAGE REPORT POUCHED TO LAFLEUR, AEC REGULATION.

4. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE,
WUERGASSEN PLANT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN FOUR NON-
NUCLEAR INCIDENTS:

- A. APRIL 12, 1972 - SAFETY VALVE OPENED,
DUMPING SOME 200 TONS OF STEAM. OPERATION
RESUMED NOVEMBER 11, 1972.
- B. FEBRUARY 25, 1973 - LEAK IN PRIMARY CIRCUIT
STEAM PIPE. OPERATION RESUMED JULY 1973.
- C. JULY 12, 1973 - CRACKED WELD. OPERATION
RESUMED AFTER FEW DAYS.
- D. FEBRUARY 10, 1974 - DAMAGE TO LOW PRESSURE
TURBINE. PLANT STILL SHUT DOWN.

5. IF USAEC HAS FURTHER INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT
GENERATOR FAILURE MENTIONED IN REF (C) IS NOT RPT NOT
1972 INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN REPORT EXTRACTS POUCHED TO
LAFLEUR, PLEASE PROVIDE THESE DATA. EMBASSY WOULD BE
PLEASED TO DISCUSS MATTER AGAIN WITH FRG MININT
OFFICIALS.
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